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IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Jeak Ling DING et al.

Appl. No.: 09/426,776 Group: 1643

Filed: October 26, 1999 Examiner: UNASSIGNED

For: ISOLATED NUCLEIC ACIDS ENCODING A
SECRETORY SIGNAL FOR EXPRESSION AND
SECRESSION OF HETEROLOGOUS RECOMBINANT
PROTEINS

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SMALL ENTITY TRANSMITTAL FORM

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

June 19, 2000

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Preliminary Amendment in the above-identified application.

A Verified Statement Claiming Small Entity Status

- is submitted herewith (Original Photocopy).
- was previously submitted on October 26, 1999.
- The enclosed document is being transmitted via the Certificate of Mailing provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.8.
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	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR		PRESENT EXTRA		RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL	71	-	68	=	3	\$ 9	\$27.00
INDEPENDENT	8	-	7	=	1	\$ 39	\$39.00
FIRST PRESENTATION OF A MULTIPLE CLAIM						\$130	\$0.00
						TOTAL	\$66.00



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- Petition for () month(s) extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136(a). \$0.00 for the extension of time.
- No fee is required.
- A check in the amount of \$66.00 is enclosed.
- Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2448 in the amount of \$0.00. This form is submitted in triplicate.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

BIRCH, STEWART, KOLASCH & BIRCH, LLP

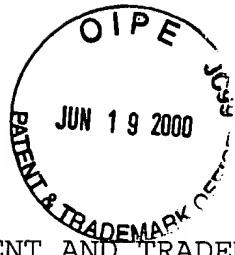
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PRELIMINARY AMENDENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, DC 20231

June 19, 2000

Sir:

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add the following new claims:

--29. A fusion protein comprising (i) a secretory signal sequence polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence MRVLVLALAVALAVGDQSNLG; or variants of said amino acid sequence that comprise conservative replacements thereof that retain the biological activities of directing secretion of a fusion protein